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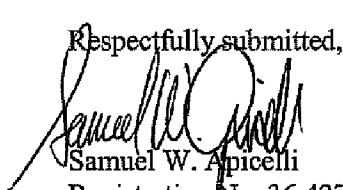
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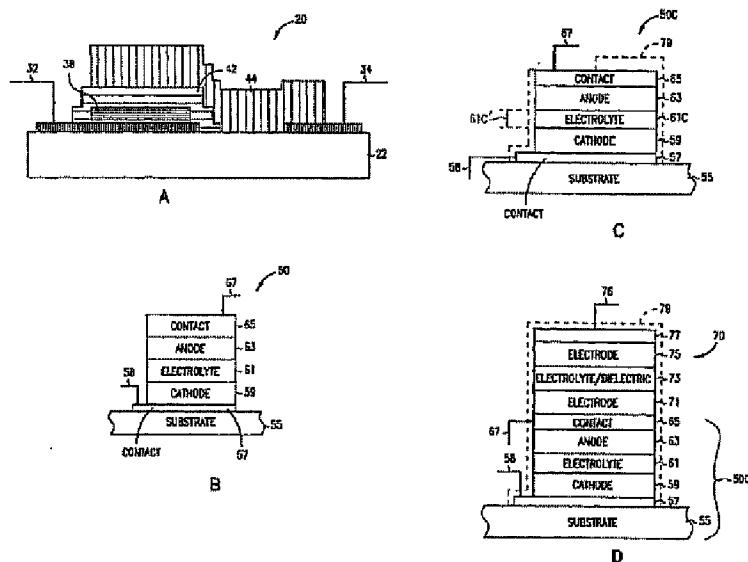
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(57) Abstract: A method and system for fabricating solid-state energy-storage devices including fabrication films for devices without an anneal step. A film of an energy-storage device is fabricated by depositing a first material layer to a location on a substrate. Energy is supplied directly to the material forming the film. The energy can be in the form of energized ions of a second material. Supplying energy directly to the material and/or the film being deposited assists in controlling the growth and stoichiometry of the film. The method allows for the fabrication of ultrathin films such as electrolyte films and dielectric films.

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Present claims 26-36 relate to an extremely large number of solid state energy storage devices (only characterized by the fact that they comprise "ions having energy greater than about 5eV"), that a lack of clarity and conciseness, within the meaning of Article 6 PCT, arises to such an extent as to render a complete meaningful search of these claims impossible.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear, namely to a method of fabricating an energy storage device comprising the supply of "energized particles", especially ions with energy greater than 5eV, during deposition of an electrolyte film on an electrode film, as described in claims 1-25 and to energy storage devices obtained by this method. Consequently an incomplete search has been performed for the claims 26-36.

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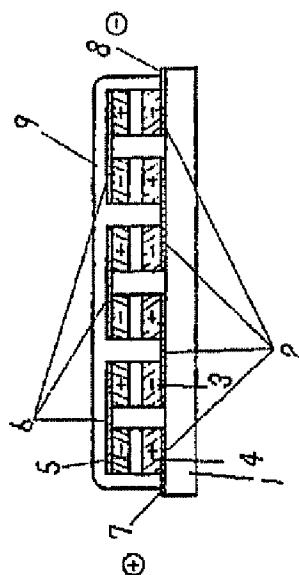
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TITLE : PLANE STACK TYPE SOLID
ELECTROLYTE BATTERY



ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To manufacture batteries in high yield by using material having the same chemical composition as the active material of a positive electrode and a negative electrode which are adjacently placed on the same substrate.

CONSTITUTION: A positive electrode 4 and a negative electrode 3 are made of active material powder having the same chemical composition and insulating polymer elastomer, or active material having the same chemical composition, solid electrolyte powder, and insulating polymer elastomer. The solid electrolyte powder and the active material powder are mixed with a polymer solution prepared by dissolving the insulating elastomer in a specific solvent, and the mixture obtained is applied to a lead electrode 2 on a plane substrate 1, and the solvent is dried out to form the electrodes. Since the positive electrode 4 and the negative electrode 3 are made of the active material having the same chemical composition, no potential is produced between electrodes 4, 3, and in addition, the handling of electrodes or electrode material and the prevention of short circuit between electrodes 4, 3 do not require special care. Batteries are manufactured in high yield.

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